

Renewal of License – TV Translator/LPTV Certifications, Discontinued Operations Narrative

HC2 Broadcasting License, Inc. (“HC2”) acquired the license for WDID-LD, Facility ID: 191242, Savannah, GA pursuant to an assignment application granted as part of the Consent Decree, 32 FCC Rcd 9129 (MB 2017). The acquisition was consummated on 11/9/2017.

The Assignor was: King Forward, Inc. The Lead File Number was: BALDTT-20170713AAG and the Member File Number was: BALDTL-20170713AAS.

In addition to the periods of silence noted in the Adherence to Minimum Operating Schedule Narrative¹, the station went silent on 9/27/2018 and a Silent Special Temporary Authority (“Silent STA”), FCC File Number: 0000060025, was filed 10/1/2018. The Silent STA Request was granted on 9/30/2018. The specific reason for the period of silence was that the station was undertaking efforts to construct its permanent broadcast facility pursuant to the granted Displacement application, FCC File Number: 0000052864. The narrative stated, “Unique circumstances support this request. First, HC2 is operating in a resource-constrained environment due to the ongoing 600 MHz Incentive Auction repacking process. Station owners seeking to build new broadcast facilities currently have access to far fewer resources than they would have otherwise, a factor that the FCC and its bureaus acknowledged could become an issue when designing the repacking process to facilitate this ‘once-in-lifetime opportunity to expand the benefits of mobile wireless coverage.’”²

The station filed an extension to the Silent STA, FCC File Number: 0000068664, on 3/25/2019 while it continued its efforts to construct its permanent displaced broadcast facility. The narrative stated, “The Applicant hereby submits that its intent is to not extend, delay, or otherwise impact the station’s planned return to air date. All efforts are underway to meet required FCC deadlines, and the station fully expects to be on the air prior to the station’s 312(g) deadline of September 26, 2019. Licensee has recently added several new team members to facilitate the planning, design and construction of new facilities. Moreover, the Licensee has made additional progress thoroughly preparing site summaries and sketches, completing the engineering design process, and determining the Station’s tower needs such as electricity capability, shelter for its transmitter, and Internet availability. Further, the Station has been in contact with transmitter and antenna manufacturers and is currently collecting quotes from vendors to complete construction.”

The station resumed operations when it filed a License to Cover application on 2/24/2020, FCC File Number: 0000106516.

¹ See attached exhibit included in the License Renewal application.

² See, e.g., *Incentive Auction Closing and Channel Reassignment Public Notice et al.*, Public Notice, 32 FCC Rcd 2786 (MB 2017) (“*Channel Reassignment PN*”); *Expanding the Economic and Innovation Opportunities of Spectrum Through Incentive Auctions*, Report and Order, 29 FCC Rcd 6597 ¶ 3 (2014).

The station duly filed a Section 312(g) waiver request on 4/7/2020, FCC File Number: 0000106516, when it amended the License to Cover, FCC File Number: 0000106516. The exhibit stated, “The licensee worked diligently to resume operations by the Station’s 312(g) deadline of September 27, 2019. The conditions to resume normal operations prior to the 312(g) date were beyond the control of the licensee. The Station’s channel was displaced by full power WTGS which was placed in Phase 7 of the Repack schedule with a Phase Transition Date of January 17, 2020. The Station worked diligently with tower owners to facilitate construction despite major power and electrical concerns at the tower site. Additionally, the Station was required to receive Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) approval, which usually takes on average 30 days to receive, but was received almost 60 days after the request was submitted. Final FAA approval and subsequent Notice to Proceed (NTP) from the tower owner was not received until December 12, 2019. The Station experienced continued delays due to the unavailability of riggers to complete the installation of the antenna and new line. After identifying available riggers, the Station was able to complete construction on February 24, 2020 and immediately filed a License to Cover.” The 312(g) waiver request and License to Cover were granted on 4/7/2020. In the grant, Commission staff noted, “Consistent with the public interest and prior Bureau actions, we will provide section 312(g) relief to displaced LPTV and TV translator stations that were displaced by the Incentive Auction and pursued new displacement channels.” Since that date, the station has been operating pursuant to its authorized specifications.